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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Dry Powder Cells and Cell Culture Reagents and Methods of Production Thereof**
Inventors: FIKE *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4290008/RWE/FRC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (13 sheets); and
3. One (1) return postcard.

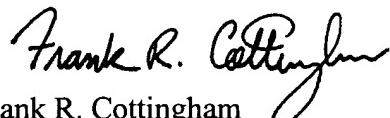
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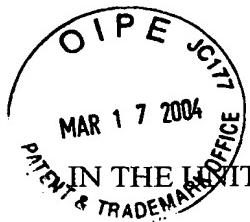
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of all documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. 09/606,314, Fike *et al.*, filed June 29, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following, in regards to non-English language documents **AM1, AO1, AL2, AM2, AN2, AO2, AP2, AM3** and **AN3** cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document **AM1**, Czechoslovakian Patent Publication No. CS 169,007, is in the Czechoslovakian language. An English language abstract of document **AM1** is attached as document **AS4**.

Document **AO1**, Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 51-98354, is in the Japanese language. An English language abstract of document **AO1** is attached as document **AS8**.

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Document **AM2**, Soviet Union Patent Publication No. SU 1097253, is in the Russian language. An English language abstract of document **AM2** is attached as document **AR9**.

Document **AN2**, European Patent Publication No. EP 0 155 427 A1, is in the French language. An English language abstract of document **AN2** is attached as document **AS9**.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application, which is directed to related technical subject matter: U.S. Patent Application

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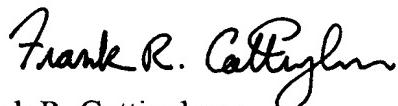
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	AN1	WO 94/27645	06/29/1976	WIPO			Yes No
	AO1	JP 51-98354	08/30/1976	Japan			X Yes No
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